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January 5, 1988

TO: Board of Oil, Gas and Mining

THRU: Ken May, Associate Director

FROM: Lowell Braxton, Administrator

RE: Recommendation for Bond Release, Energy Fuels Nuclear,

Straight Creek Mine

Energy Fuels Nuclear reclaimed the Straight Creek Mine in December 1987. This underground uranium mine is located in the Farmer's Knob area, approximately twenty-five miles south of Hanksville. The mine was shut down in 1980 shortly after it was started due to the poor uranium market. Most of the proposed mine development was never implemented.

It is recommended that the current reclamation bond of \$62,074.00 be reduced to \$1050.00. This new amount will be adequate for erosion repair and reseeding if necessary. (See attached field report).

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cc: File M/017/018

December 31, 1987

To: File

FROM: Frank Filas, Engineer

RE: Inspection of Reclaimed Mine, M/017/018, Straight Creek Mine

On December 30, 1987, I inspected Energy Fuels Nuclear's Straight Creek Mine. This underground uranium mine was reclaimed in early December. The portal has been backfilled and the waste dump graded back up the hill to the original contour. The three acres of surface disturbance have been disked and seeded. The short access road was left unreclaimed for future access to drill sites above the mine.

It is recommended that the current reclamation bond of \$62,074. be reduced to \$1050 to cover erosion repair and reseeding if necessary.

Revegetation Estimate

| ITEM | QUANTITY | COST |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| * D-6 w/ripper Seed 10% Contingency 2% Inflation for 3 yr | 8 hours 15 lbs. | \$800 100 |
| | rs. (1990 \$) | 90 60 |
| | TOTAL | \$1050. |

* Includes operator and mobilization.

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cc: L. Braxton